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April 26, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2512

RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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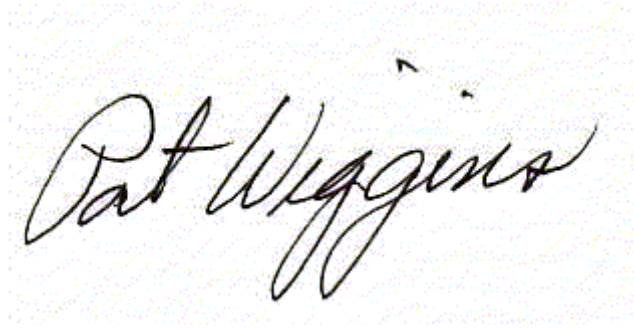
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I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

Sincerely,

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PATRICIA WIGGINS
Senator, 2nd District

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On behalf of the 5th Senate District, I urge you to support this grant.

Sincerely,

LOIS WOLK
Senator, 5th District

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April 27, 2010

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California Coastal Conservancy
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This grant will help move toward the collective goal of an uninterrupted 550-mile regional trail network through all nine Bay Area counties. So far, 325 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians to enjoy today – and are permanently protected as a legacy for the future. People of all ages and abilities enjoy the trails. The trails also serve to connect people to parks and communities, as well as each other.

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This grant will also help to leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new connections. On behalf of the residents of the 7th Senate District, I look forward to each new trail opening and to continued progress on this important regional trail.

I strongly support the grant request for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Mark DeSaulnier

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April 27, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Grant Application

Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board:

I am writing to support a \$1.2 million grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design and build new trail segments.

Currently, 325 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians to enjoy—and are permanently protected as a legacy for the future. People of all ages and abilities enjoy the trail that connects people to parks and communities to each other. This grant will help connect the 550-mile regional trail network through all nine Bay Area counties without interruption.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has a strong record of success spanning over more than two decades. This project is an extraordinary model of successful public-private cooperation—including federal, state and local government, agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates working together.

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This grant additionally will help leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new connections for my constituents and visitors from out of town. I look forward to each new trail opening and continued progress on this important regional trail, and I urge you to approve this grant request.

Sincerely,

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JARED HUFFMAN
Assemblymember, 6th District

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Mr. Douglas Bosco
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Chairman *Doug* Bosco:

I urge your support of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application for a \$1.2 million grant from the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program.

This grant will help leverage other federal, state, local and private funds to create new trails and associated amenities. It is my hope that this essential grant be awarded to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to help plan, design and build new trail segments. These funds are vital to keep up the momentum to close gaps and create new connections.

Trails provide numerous benefits to individuals and communities. The Ridge Trail will do more than provide recreational opportunities for hikers, runners, cyclists and equestrians of all ages and abilities. It will create a connected corridor for habitat and wildlife and nurture a new generation committed to stewardship of California's natural heritage.

For over two decades, the Council has worked cooperatively with a wide ranging number of constituencies to create a 550-mile trail on the ridgelines surrounding the San Francisco Bay. It deserves your continued support.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Yours Very Truly,

NOREEN EVANS
Assemblymember, 7th District

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April 27, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco
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Dear Chair Bosco and Directors of the Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's application to the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program Grant for \$1.2 million. This grant will help plan, design, and build new trail segments of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council has more than two decades of experience and success in planning, designing, and building the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Their success can be attributed to their model of public-private cooperation and coordination amongst federal, state and local governments, agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, the public and advocates.

The goal of the Bay Area Ridge Trail is to have 550 miles of uninterrupted trail connecting ridges in all nine Bay Area counties. Currently, 325 miles of the Ridge Trail are open for hikers, cyclists, runners and equestrians to enjoy. This grant will allow the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to further connect communities and expand the trail.

People of all ages and abilities enjoy the trail which links recreational opportunities and communities to one another. Trails provide much needed transportation links amongst communities and benefit individuals and communities through health and fitness, transportation, tourism and economic development, and increase environmental stewardship throughout the Bay Area.

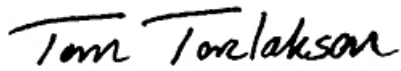
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segments and closing the gaps in the existing trail, bringing the Bay Area Ridge Trail one step closer to completion.

I fully support this application for the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Program Grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. These funds will enhance an even larger regional effort that is taking place and will greatly benefit all nine Bay Area counties. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tom Torlakson

CC: Bill Long, Chair, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Board
Janet McBride, Executive Director, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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Congressman Douglas H. Bosco
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RE: Support for a grant for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

Dear Chairman Bosco and Directors of the Board,

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The grant will help to leverage other funding sources to create new trails and associated amenities. These funds will continue to create new ridge trails in populated areas. Your consideration of this worthy proposal is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Joe Coto
Assemblymember, 23rd District



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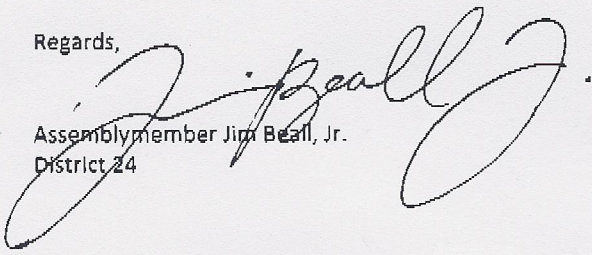
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Regards,


Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr.
District 24





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In Golden Lands, Golden Opportunity, our regional planning effort with involvement of over 100 Bay Area organizations, we identified the importance of parks and trails and highlighted some key goals/opportunities including closing gaps in our regional park and trail systems; keeping all parks safe, clean, and inviting; providing better access to parks and trails by creating walking and biking paths to local parks; and providing public transit to more distant natural areas. The Ridge Trail Council's goals are perfectly aligned with the priorities set out in the Golden Lands report.

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Sincerely,

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Bettina Ring
Executive Director

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Bay Area Open Space Council